

Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

I don't know if you feel the same way that I do, but I am glad we are experiencing a mild winter this year. Last year was tough on all of us, so I am really happy I haven't had to break out my snow shovel yet.

February is the month we start the planning process for our summer community events. I know there are a number of great events scheduled and if you have a desire to help out / volunteer then let us know and we can put you in touch with the right people. It is the hard work of all of our volunteers that make our community events special. It is folks like Kass Holdeman, who for many years dedicated a great deal of time helping with the many events the Duvall Cultural Commission hosts. Sadly, Kass needs to step down as chair of the Duvall Cultural Commission. It will be really tough to fill her shoes but I have a great deal of faith that we all can continue the legacy she has created.

On a different note, we have all seen how the economy is having a tough time bouncing back from the recession. This of course has affected all of us in different ways. I, for one, have decided that I refuse to participate in the recession anymore. I refuse to wait around to see what the Federal and State governments are going to do or not do. I am going to work very hard with the City Council on what steps we, as a city, can take to improve our own community. I don't have all the answers, but I know we collectively can improve things. So when I meet with the City Council at our February 20th retreat I will be asking them for help.

Finally, there are a couple of changes within the city. First, the Police Department's newest officer, Blitz, was sworn into office at the first council meeting of the year. So you will be seeing more of him. Blitz is a three year old German Shepherd. He is a great addition to the city and our Police Department. Secondly, the City Council elected Gary Gill as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Gary brings many years of experience to the position. He replaces Elizabeth Walker who did a great job last year. I know that Gary, Elizabeth and the rest of City Council will be working hard for all of us this year.

Sincerely,

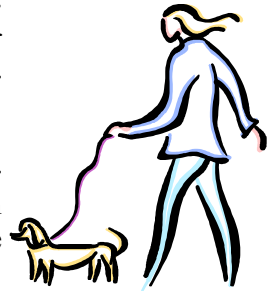
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REMINDER

DUVALL HAS A LEASH LAW

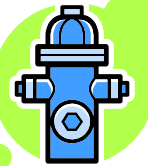
Duvall Municipal Code 6.14.070 is City of Duvall's Leash Law. It states "It is unlawful for owners to allow their dogs to be at large or without restraint within the City limits of Duvall, except that this section shall not apply where the dogs are engaged in lawful hunting activity, lawful competition sanctioned by a nationally recognized body or local chapter thereof, or lawful training in preparation for such hunting or competition."

Please be kind and considerate of others by keeping your dog on a leash when you go for a walk. Also, please don't forget to pick up after your dog.



WATER LINE FLUSHING

The City of Duvall Public Works Department will be flushing the water system throughout the City as part of our routine maintenance program. Flushing the water system helps us maintain a high quality, aesthetically pleasing water supply, extends the life of our distribution network (pipes, valves & fire hydrants) and lets us routinely identify and repair any deficiencies discovered. We will be exercising valves, operating and flowing fire hydrants and possibly identifying vegetation issues around fire hydrants. If you have a fire hydrant in your yard it would help us dramatically if vegetation (hedges, etc...) was trimmed or removed and at least meeting the standards set out in the Duvall Municipal Code (9.02.030(r) Fire hydrants and fire protection, Obscuring Hydrants online at (www.duvallwa.gov).



Work will begin February 22nd and will take three to five weeks. You may notice bubbles or air in your water line and/or discoloration caused by minerals stirred up during the process. Neither is harmful and both are temporary. If you experience discoloration, run your water for approximately 15 minutes or until clear. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mike Fisher, Public Works Superintendent, at 425-788-3434 ext 227 or email him at mike.fisher@duvallwa.gov.

City of Duvall offices will be closed for the following holidays:

February 15th (Monday)
in Observance of
President's Day





(Excerpt from King County Sheriff's Office Website):
TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE...

- Keep and regularly update a complete written description of your child. Take a color photograph of your child every six months. Arrange to have your child fingerprinted and keep the fingerprint card in a safe place.
- Know where your child is at all times. Know their friends and be familiar with their daily activities.
- Have your child or teen leave the phone number of where they will be in case of emergency.
- Know what your child is wearing whenever they leave the house. Don't allow them to wear clothing that has their name or other personal information visible to others.
- Notice if an adult or teenager is paying an unusual amount of attention to your children or gives them inappropriate or expensive gifts.
- Teach your children to trust their feelings. Let them know it's okay to say NO to things they feel are wrong. Never belittle any fear or concern your child has, real or imaginary.
- Tell your child that anything that makes him or her uncomfortable or suspicious should be reported immediately to you and to school officials.
- Teach your children that the police are their friends and they can rely on them if they are in trouble.
- Agree on safe walking and biking areas.
- Make sure your child travels with others to and from school; kids in groups are generally safer.

IN AND AROUND THE KITCHEN; SEWER DO'S AND DON'TS:

In light of Waste Management accepting food waste mixed in with yard waste, we'd like to share some do's and don'ts.



The average single-family household throws away about 45 pounds of food scraps and soiled paper every month that could easily be composted. Grease and ground up food product sticks to household sewage pipes. Over time, the greasy build-up will block the entire pipe and result in raw sewage backing up into your home or overflowing into the street or waterway. Follow these six simple steps to keep things running smoothly.

DO dispose of appropriate food waste in your Waste Management yard waste containers. It reduces the amount of garbage you haul to the curb, moves smelly food waste to the yard waste container, and is good for your plumbing and the environment. Visit: <http://www.wmnorthwest.com/duvall/index.html> for more information and to sign up for yard waste service.

DO compost in your own back yard. It's an interesting experiment for kids.

DON'T put produce stickers down the drain.

DO use sink baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty them into a container to dispose of in your yard waste. If you are not a yard waste subscriber, use the trash instead.

DON'T put grease, fats, or oil of any type down your drain or garbage disposal.

DO scrape grease and food scraps from cooking surfaces into a container to dispose of in your yard waste or put in the trash.

Stay tuned for next month's tips. *In the bathroom: your toilet is not a trash can.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 11th & 25th : City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

February 3rd & 17th : Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.

PLEASE NOTE: The Planning Commission meetings have been changed to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.